1	2	3	4
Haryana	.	134	48
Madhya Pradesh . .	1150	1575	3409
Maharashtra . . .	153	55	343
Orissa	3356	2047	833
Rajasthan . . .	84	117	90
Tamilnadu . . .	48	3647	1145
Uttar Pradesh . . .	5519	1358	944
TOTAL	13,362	16,385	6,862

*Figures being verified with the State Government.

Increase in the Prices of Indigenous Newsprint

M. PATEL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the newspapers are facing acute shortage of newsprint ;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to remove the shortage of newsprint ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the prices of indigenous newsprint have been increased a number of times during the last two years ;

(d) what are the reasons for increase in prices of indigenous newsprint frequently; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that newspapers have complained against the frequent increase in the price of newsprint?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) To avoid any shortage, mills have been asked to ensure maximum production and steps have been taken for import of newsprint to bring the gap between indigenous production and consumption. Imported newsprint was released from buffer stock to tide over temporary shortage in the supply of indigenous newsprint.

(c) Indigenous newsprint prices were revised in January/February, 1988 and May/June, 1989.

(d) There has been no frequent increases. Central Goverment do not exercise any statutory control on the prices of news print. The indigenous newsprint mills have reportedly revised their prices upward in May-June, 1989 on account of increase in costs of production and to maintain their financial viability.

(e) Yes, sir.

415. [*Transferred to the 26th July, 1989.*]

Central Assistance to Karnataka under the Special Foodgrains Production Programme

416 SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of Central assistance given to Karnataka during

1988 and 1989, yearwise, under the Special Foodgrains Production Programme ; and

(b) what are the details of the Central assistance provided since the imposition of President's Rule in that State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) During 1988-89, an assistance of Rs. 399.60 lakh was given to the Government of Karnataka for implementing the various SFPP Programmes.

(b) After Presidents' Rule was imposed in the State on 21st April, 1989, so far, Rs 80.14 lakh has been released to the State under these programmes.

Recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee on Child Labour

417. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Technical Advisory Committee on the Prohibition of child labour has made any recommendations ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted he above recommendations ;

(d) whether any of these recommendations have been implemented ; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken against those found to be violating the orders issued for implementation of any of the recommendations;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Child Labour Technical Advisory Committee has made the following recommendations :—

(1) Prohibition of child labour in the occupation/processes mentioned below:

(i) *Occupation:*—

—Work relating to selling of crackers and fire works in shops with temporary licences.

(ii) *Processes:*—

—Manufacture of slate pencils (including packing)

—Manufacture of products from agate.

—Manufacturing processes using toxic metals and substances such as lead, mercury, chromium, cadmium, benzene, pesticides and asbestos.

(2) Setting up of a Coordination Committee to be called the Research Coordination Committee to carry out further opidemiological studies in certain occupations/processes/industries on the basis of which a decision can be taken to advise Government whether or not to ban/regulate the employment of children in these occupations/processes/industries.

(3) Amendments to the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act,1986 including deletion of "cloth weaving" from the group of processes "cloth printing, dyeing and weaving" included in part B of the Schedule to the Act.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government have accepted the recommendations mentioned at (1) and (2) in the answer